

85HA SCARECROW FALL 1907

retreats: ITA F ion r NAP; F spa/sc r LYO.
 ENGLAND(Brown): F nth-ENG; F iri-MID; A BER S A mun;
 F eng-BRE; A ruh-BUR(S A BEL & A MUN); F den-NTH;
 F hel-KIE; F STP/NC H(S F BOT).
 FRANCE(J Ellis): A POR S F spa; A bur-MAR(S F SPA/SC).
 ITALY(Holley): A PAR-bur; F nap-APU; A boh-VIE(S A TYO);
 F TUN-ion; A ven \$ A tri(d,r pie,rom,tus,otb);
 A tri * A boh-vie(d,ann); F LYD-mar.
 TURKEY(Johnston): F AEG-ion; F bla-COM; A apu-VEN(S F ADR);
 A vie-tyo(d,r gal,otb); A sil-BOH; A war-SIL; A rum-BUD;
 A bud-TRI(S A SER); F ion-TYS; F gre-ALB.

1907 SUPPLY CENTERS

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| E home nwy den kie stp hol swe mun ber BRE BEL 13 +2 | |
| F (bre) por (bel) MAR SPA | 3 even |
| I rom (ven) rom (spa) (mar) tun par vie | 5 -2* |
| T home bul ser gre sev rum tri bud war mos VEN 13 +1* | |

*-has a retreat %-had one ann

WINTER 1905/SPRING 1906 are due April 7. T/E and E fail 1-1
 (2 NVR). T/E/1 is proposed, NVR is no. Please note CDA for
 Jeff Ellis.

scarecrow press

ENGLAND-TURKEY: I almost voted for the ET.

TURKEY-FRANCE: If you don't vote for the draw, I may well
 win. If you like your British buddy, you'll vote yes.

86CD SURFING BIRD FALL 1902

retreats: TUR A arm r OTB.

AUSTRIA(Pierce): A GAL-war; F ALB S tur A bul-gre;
 A rum \$ tur F bla-sev(NSD)(d,r bud,otb); A bud-SER.
 ENGLAND(Ellis): A yor-HOL(C F NTH); F NWY S rus F swe.
 FRANCE(Orane): A pie-TYO; F mid-ENG; A bur-BEL(S A PIC);
 A gas-BUR;
 GERMANY(Bishop): A MUN; F BAL; F bel(d,ann); A RUH; A DEN.
 ITALY(Atkins): A GRE H(S F 1DN); A apu-VEN.
 RUSSIA(Russ): A stp-MOS; F SWE S eng F nth-den; A UKR-war;
 F ARM-bla; F sev-RUM.
 TURKEY(Oaklyn): F BLA S rus F sev-rum; F CON-bul/sc;
 A BUL-gre.

1902 SUPPLY CENTERS

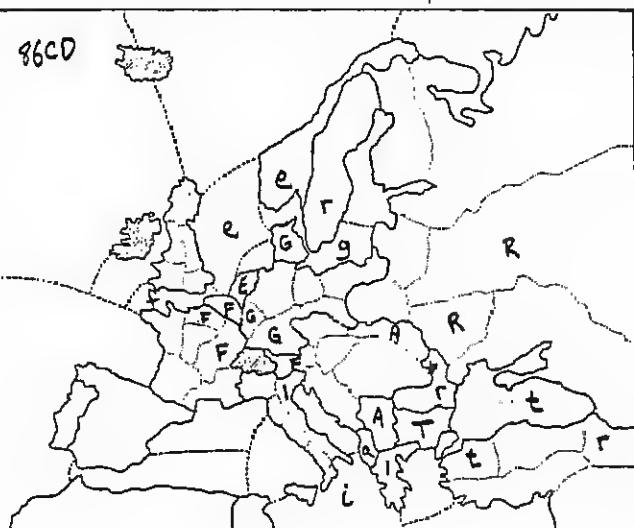
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| A home ser | 4 even* |
| E home nwy HOL | 5 +2% |
| F home spa por BEL | 6 +1 |
| G home (hol) den | 4 even% |
| I home GRE | 4 +1 |
| R home swe rum | 6 +1% |
| T home bul | 4 +1% |
| n tun (bel) (gre) | 1 |

*-has a retreat
 % was one short

WINTER 1902/SPRING 1903 are
 due April 7. Would KEVIN
 TIGHE please standby for
 Germany.

surfing bird press

MILLE DE WORMVILLE: To all: I
 returned from South America on
 February 8. After 3 days of
 unpacking and several days of
 experiencing the South Ameri-
 can Montezuma's Mexican
 Revenge, I am back in the games now. Of course, I might have
 to take time out from Diplomacy to pay for all this postage.
 ITALY: The Italian Government received yet another unsoli-
 cited supply of Turkish taffy. "It is clear," commented one
 highly placed official, "that this is the same stale brand



offered (to) us before." The shipment was sent on to parts unknown.--- In another arena, the French anarchists who were caught marauding in Turin made feeble attempts to pass off their illegalities. Cries of "Isn't this Munich?" were heard from the frogs. In spite of the written apology, it is difficult to believe an entire French army could go the wrong way. Perhaps they actually ate some of that Turkish taffy. BERGOROD-DNESTROVSKY: Dnestrivskiy Liman, now a deep blood red, suffocated several thousand large tadpoles, but attracted many Russian sailors who were used to drinking blood in such large quantities. Face down in the red waters, the sailors started experiencing splintering from the crushed bones on the beach. The Russian Tsar sends his love, and the following message: "Thanks for not sinking our fleet and taking our beloved Sevastopol." The Ottoman Turk replies by returning the sent Russian love and saying "Hey, man, what are allies for, anyway?" A small plane was heard overhead. ROMA: Know ye all that honesty sometimes does not pay--look upon my neighbors and understand their perfidy. Inquiries welcome.

TURKEY-ENGLAND: Let it be known that a state of war has existed between our two countries the moment that you attacked your stated ally, Germany. En guard! London by 1904 or bust.

86CZ BOP TIL YOU DROP MENSA 23 FALL 1902

retreats: AUS A tri r VIE; RUS A gal r WAR.
 AUSTRIA(Cheek): A gal-RUM(S A BUD); A vie-TRI; F GRE-bul/sc.
 ENGLAND(Beaumont): F nth-NWY(S F NWG); A BEL H(S F ENG).
 FRANCE(Coufau): A par-PIC; A BRE H; F spa/nc-POR;
 A BUR S eng A bel; A GAS H.
 GERMANY(Wallis): NMR; A MUN; F HEL; A RUH; A HOL; F DEN H.
 ITALY(Dousette): F ion-EAS; F tun-1DN; A tri-SER; A VEN H.
 RUSSIA(Reges): F SWE H; A sev h(d,r ukr,otb); A war-GAL;
 A MOS S A sev.
 TURKEY(Burroughs): A BUL-rum; A rum-SEV(S F BLA & A ARM).

1902 SUPPLY CENTERS

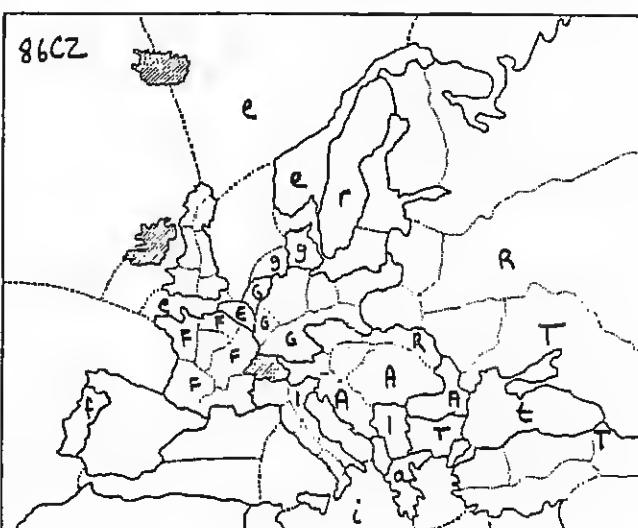
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| A home gre RUM | 5 +1 | 1903 are due April |
| E home bel NWY | 5 +1 | 3. Note Craig Reges |
| F home spa por | 5 even | has taken over Rus- |
| G home hol den | 5 even | sia. Would MARK KEL- |
| I home tun SER | 5 +1 | LER please standby |
| R mos (sev) war stp swe (rum) | 4 even* | for Germany. |
| T home bul SEV | 5 +1 | |

n (ser) (nwly)
 bop press

FRANCE-THE EAST: Anybody home? Your embassies in Paris are open.

87?? BLUE ANGEL GAMESTART

We've got seven signed up for this one. "Blue Angel" was the German feature film debut of Marlene Dietrich. In it she seduces a mean schoolmaster, leading him to ruin. We'll see which of these players will follow him: AUSTRIA: Robert Greier, ENGLAND: Mark Mallia, FRANCE: Rodney Schmisseur, GERMANY: Tom Johnson, ITALY: Les Casey, RUSSIA: Bernie Oaklyn, TURKEY: Jeff Albrecht. SPRINB 1901 is due April 7.



B5HG BAHNHOF FRIEORICHSTRASSE INTERNATIONAL GAME SPRING 1904

AUSTRIA(Caws) NMR, A VIE.
 ENGLAND(McIntyre) NMR, A Ivn(d,r PRU); F DEN; F HEL; F NTH;
 A YOR; F ENG.
 FRANCE(Strauss) A bel-BUR(S A PIC); F mid-GAS; F WES H;
 A bre-PAR; F MAR H.
 GERMANY(Smith) NMR, A bur(d,r MUN); A KIE; A HOL; A RUH.
 ITALY(Baker) F tys-TUN; A TRI S rus A rum-ser; A VEN-pie;
 F 10N-gre; A TYO-pie.
 RUSSIA(Gardner) F stp/sc-LVN(S A WAR & A MOS); F SEV H;
 A run-GAL(S A BUD).
 TURKEY(Pater) F GRE-ion; A SER S rus A bud; A BUL S A ser;
 F con-AEG(S F SMY); A ank-CON.

FALL/WINTER 1904 are due May 7, 1987. I don't have any more international standbys, so I have to ask the Bahnhof Zoo players to help out. Would STEVE KNIGHT please standby for AUSTRIA. Would CLAUDE GAUTRON please standby for ENGLAND. Would GARY COUGHLAN please standby for GERMANY.

friedrichstrasse press

ITALY-WORLO: You guys better look out, I too find myself looking for work. It's catching.

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Now, that's a bit more like it. Producing this issue has been a bit easier, though I did let it push into the weekend, which slowed things down. I'm not trying to do everything in one evening anymore, which does wonders for my sanity. My address list is returning to some semblance of normalcy. Check the sub balance on your label; if it's negative, you owe me money!

Time for a few reminders. Your game fee covers a sub to BIG HITS as long as you are in a game or on my standby list. When your last game ends or you get eliminated from that last game, I'll remind you of it. If you NMR out of a game without explanation, I'll cut off your sub and keep your money. It pays for the free issues to standbys.

If you have anything to say to me that is not directly related to the game you're playing, please write it down on a separate letter to me. One of you missed out on the new gamestart because I filed your orders away. Since I get mail from about 40 players I have to keep orders and letters in separate files to make some sense of it all.

If you want NMR insurance, it is up to YOU to keep me informed of your current phone number, especially when you move. Otherwise I'll have no phone number on your record, and I won't pay the money to check directory assistance for your number. I will try to let you know every once in a while whether or not I have your number on file.

SO WHAT'S A VALID ORDER ANYWAY

I don't think there's a whole lot of confusion on this. My houserules are pretty clear. But in the interest of filling all this white space, let me elaborate.

I think the GM should have as little effect on the game as he can. Players shouldn't have to worry about proper form or grammar when writing orders. However, some rules have to be followed so the GM is not forced to guess the meaning of orders. In addition, the deliberately miswritten order is a valid tactic and I want to leave room for it.

In one breath, my rule is "if there's just one possibility, you don't need to mention it, but if you do mention it and get it wrong, it's miswritten." In a shorter breath, "if in doubt, leave it out."

Let's say you want to move Fleet Greece to Bulgaria (south coast). Your safest bet is to spell it all out just like that. It's also safe to abbreviate it just as I would, F Gre-Bul/sc. But if you start leaving more out, it gets tricky.

I used to require that you write the unit label with each order. I don't anymore, so if you write "Gre-Bul/sc" (leaving out the "F"), that's fine. There's only one unit in Gre, so it must be the one moving to Bul. But miswriting the unit is a no-no. If you write "A Gre-Bul/sc" it's misordered.

Now what if you leave off the coast? "F Gre-Bul" is OK, there's only one coast it can go to. If the unit started in Bul/sc, then "F Bul-Gre" is fine too. I already know it's on the south coast. There are only three moves that absolutely require a coast: F Por-Spa, F Mid-Spa, and F Con-Bul. All three have a choice of coast, and all three fail.

What if you are supporting a unit? F Gre S Rus A Ser-Bul. You don't need the "Rus", there is after all only one unit in Ser you could be supporting. But if the unit were really Italian, calling it Russian would be a disorder.

I do say in the houserules that "implied orders" are OK. This applies both to builds and supports. That is, something like F Gre S A Ser-Bul technically orders both F Gre and A Ser, so I see no need to repeat "A Ser-Bul".

What if you want to deliberately miswrite an order? Tell me "this order is deliberately miswritten." That will always do it.

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MIST COUNTY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION PRESS

HAVANA-MCHA: Yeah, sure, you guys think you have our Red Rabbits all figured out. But check this: We've lost four games by one goal, three of those on the road. When you hit the Ice Hutch, you're dead meat. Patria o muerte!
 Venceremos!

ROCKIES-LEAGUE: How about another side bet now that Denver is going to join the IHL?

F/X-LEGUMES: Know what I like about Nabisco Shredded Wheat? No Broccoli!

F/S-FLINT SWINE: Enjoy your cake walk, courtesy of ex-management. ((Check the menu again...))

VEG-MOP: Let's see, last time we played you pulled your goalie to tie the match, then won in overtime. Can you be lucky twice in a row. ((Looks like he did...))

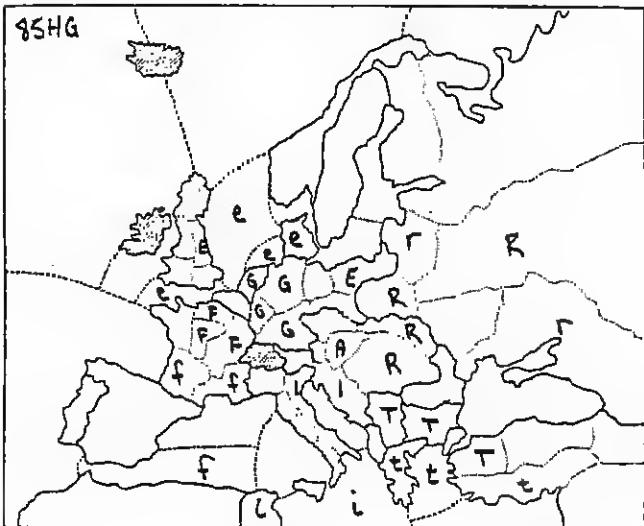
JAKE-THE GANG: You want culture shock? Wait til you're 34 and go back to college - as I'm doing! I'm in a fiction writers workshop, working my ass off, but I love it.

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Well, MOPAC finally falls, and was damned lucky not to go 0-for-three this session. Actually everyone except for Cochons and the hapless Keys broke even or better this session. Five teams are within 3 pts of second place as a result of the Cochons poor fortune. F/X looks better and may make a run for the final playoff slot. Once the Keys have a live body in charge they may join the hunt. To give Mikey Barno a small break, I'll let him raise his rookies two levels this session.

Adjudication went a little smoother this time as I found some places to streamline the process. I'm working on a computer program to allow me to type in the lineups for a game and let the computer spit out a ready to print report.

The changes have some minor effects on how goals and penalties are assigned to players, but I won't implement any major changes in formulas until we end the season. Those changes will most likely include cutting shots formulas in half and having 0 level goaltenders stop no shots rather than 33%. I could be real mean and have the goalies stop 9% for each skill level (which means a 6 level stops just 54% and a 9 level allows twice the goals of a 10 level.) We'll see...



MIST COUNTY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION SESSION V
GM: Scott Hanson, 3508 4th Ave S, Minneapolis MN 55408-4511

| | W-L-Y | PT | GF | GA | OIF | VP | \$K | | | |
|----|-------|------------|--------|----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-------------|
| 1 | 1 | MOPAC | 11-1-0 | 22 | 121 | 60 | 61 | 5 | 735 | Slythe |
| 2 | 2 | COCHONS | 7-4-1 | 15 | 108 | 71 | 37 | 4 | 195 | Henry |
| 3 | 3 | LORDS | 7-4-1 | 15 | 101 | 65 | 36 | 5 | 800 | Hise |
| 4 | *4 | ROCKIES | 7-3-0 | 15 | 84 | 73 | 11 | 10.5 | 835 | Pyle |
| 5 | 5 | S.O.C.K. | 6-5-1 | 13 | 61 | 50 | 11 | 6 | 510 | Anderson |
| 6 | 6 | VEGETABLES | 6-6-0 | 12 | 169 | 128 | 31 | 5 | 110 | Goode |
| 7 | 7 | CONEJOS | 5-7-0 | 10 | 144 | 137 | 7 | 5 | 780 | Halverstadt |
| 8 | 8 | NICEGUYS | 3-7-2 | 8 | 74 | 71 | 3 | 4.5 | 660 | Becker |
| 9 | 9 | F/X | 2-9-1 | 5 | 75 | 123 | -48 | 4.5 | 314 | Allen |
| 10 | *10 | HA HA KEYS | 1-9-0 | 2 | 117 | 266 | -149 | 9.5 | 505 | NEW MANAGER |

*-has games to make up

Deadline for SESSION V is March 25, early bird Mar 18. Everyone got the early bird but Keys NMR'd. Mike Barno, 1814 Cameron Dr, Madison WI 53711 now takes over the Keys. Corrected address: Bryce Allen, 2-5 Monk St, Ottawa ONT CANADA K2S 3Y5. Lottery number was 54; Conejos got one digit for \$25K. Fines for lineup violations (\$10K per game) no roughness-Lords-3. Note I'm now listing power play shots with the results of each game.

LINEUP CHANGES

Correction: F/X rookie Anthony Perkins is 0, not F.

AUCTION RESULTS (Next highest bids in parenthesis)

No bids on players 6-11.

- 12) IV OF 4 \$290K SOCK "Silverhawk" (\$182K)
- 13) IV FW 4 \$291K F/X "Sam Peckinpaw" (\$205K)
- 14) V OF 5 \$401K COCHONS "Buffum" (\$303K)
- 15) V FW 5 \$303K VEGIES "Radish" (\$250K)

NEW AUCTION

Since we have to give you something to spend your money on... (Minimum bids are in parenthesis.) 16) rookie FW 2 (ready to coach, will not count in 3 rookie limit, \$200K), 17) rookie OF 2 (same as 16, \$200K), 18) 111 FW 6 (\$360K), 19) III OF 6 (\$360K).

SESSION V SCHEDULE

| | | |
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| MOPAC at COCHONS | COCHONS at ROCKIES | CONEJOS at COCHONS |
| VEGIES at F/X | F/X at COCHONS | LORDS at F/X |
| ROCKIES at NICEGUYS | NICEGUYS at LORDS | MOPAC at NICEGUYS |
| LORDS at SOCK | MOPAC at SOCK | VEGIES at ROCKIES |
| KEYS at CONEJOS | KEYS at VEGIES | SOCK at KEYS |

SESSION IV RESULTS

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| ROCKIES 3 | at | COCHONS 9 |
| Canute-3, Martyr | | Creste-4(pp), Moutinho-3, |
| pen-3:Canute-3 | | Fortes, Sabi |
| 34 + 4pp shots | | pen-3:Broyhill, Piironen, |
| | | Salonen |
| | | 24 + 4pp shots |
| ROCKIES 5 | at | MOPAC 3 |
| Martyr-4(pp),Offa(pp) | | Atchison(pp), Crittenden, |
| pen-4: Alfred,Canute,Penda | | Jackson |
| Martyr | | pen-13:Marmaduke-4, Clark-2 |
| 28 + 19pp shots | | Jackson-2, Atchison, Blair, |
| | | Bland, Cockrell, Linn |
| | | 12 + 4 pp shots |
| MOPAC 11 | at | ROCKIES 7 |
| Atchison-3(pp), Clark-2(pp) | | Martyr-3(pp), Canute-2(pp) |
| Crittenden-3(pp),Benton-2(pp) | | Benton-2(pp) |
| Bland | | |
| pen-11: Linn-4, Marmaduke-2 | pen-7: Penda-4,Alfred,Canute | |
| Atchison-2, Blair,Clark, | Elder | |
| Jackson | | |
| 11 + 7 pp shots | 25 + 13pp shots | |
| MOPAC 10 | at | VEGIES 6 |
| Atchison-3, Benton-3, Bland-2 | Cauli-3(2pp), Broc-2(pp) | |
| Clark-2(pp) | Okra(pp) | |
| pen-11: Marmaduke-3,Bland-2 | pen-5: Eggplant-4, Spinach | |
| Benton, Blair | Crittenden-2, Jackson-2, | |
| 19 + 8pp shots | 53 + 24pp shots | |

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| VEGIES 40 | at | KEYS 19 |
| Cabbage-8,Cauli-7,Broc-6 | | Rooqnd-6,Humfrey-4,Murphy-4,, |
| Eggpl-4,Onion-4,Hawkins-3 | | Crombie-3(pp),Chester,Chem(pp) |
| Corn-2,Spinach-2,Okra,Yam, | | |
| Carrot,Mattingly | | |
| pen-2: Eggplant-2 | pen-0: | |
| 75 + Opp shots | 46 + 3pp shots | |
| ***** | ***** | ***** |
| CONEJOS 8 | at | VEGIES 18 |
| Rodrigues-4, Sandino-4 | | Corn-4(pp),Cabb-4,Cauli-3(pp), |
| | | Broc-2,Eggpl-2,Spinach, |
| | | Carrot, Mattingly |
| pen-4:Bolivar-2,Guevara-2 | pen-2:Eggplant-2 | |
| 21 + 2pp shots | 61 + Bpp shots | |
| ***** | ***** | ***** |
| CONEJOS 11 | at | F/X 10 |
| Marti-4, Sandino-3,Paz | | Chaney-4, Lugosi-2, Ogata-2,, |
| Bolivar-2,Guevara | | Rains(pp),Hitchcock |
| pen-6:Bolivar-3, Guevara-3 | pen-0: | |
| 31 + Opp shots | 21 + 6pp shots | |
| ***** | ***** | ***** |
| COCHONS 5 | at | S.O.C.K. 6 |
| Fortes-3, Sabi-2 | | Mr.Ed-2,Barsinister(pp), |
| | | Purebred, Robin, Underdog |
| pen-5:Biason-3,Broyhill, | pen-0: | |
| Piironen | | |
| 3B + Opp shots | 16 + 6pp shots | |
| ***** | ***** | ***** |
| COCHONS 4 | at | F/X 7 |
| Cresto-2, Babi, Fortes | | Perkins-3(pp), Chaney, Rains,, |
| | | Lugosi(pp), Karloff |
| pen-5:Broyhill-2, Marjanne | pen-0: | |
| Fauchille, Piironen | | |
| 30 + Opp shots | 21 + 7pp shots | |
| ***** | ***** | ***** |
| NICEGUYS 4 | at | F/X 4 |
| Hands, Heart(pg), Runner | | Lugosi-2, Ogata, Hitchcock(pp) |
| Wind | | |
| pen-3:Czech,Frost,Numnose | pen-0: | |
| 23 +Opp + Oot shots | 16 + 3pp + 2ot shots | |
| ***** | ***** | ***** |
| NICEGUYS 0 | at | S.O.C.K. 3 |
| | | Robin, Mr.Ed, Underdog |
| pen-9:Frost-4,Runner-2, | pen-3:Wilbur-2, Mr.Ed | |
| Bony,Perthermia,Wind | | |
| 25 + 5pp shots | 10 + 9pp shots | |
| ***** | ***** | ***** |
| LORDS 1 | at | NICEGUYS 4 |
| Vroom | | Frost-2, Forcer, Czech |
| pen-0: | pen-3: Bony-2, Chills | |
| 7 + 3pp shots | 40 + Opp shots | |
| ***** | ***** | ***** |
| LORDS 20 | at | KEYS 3 |
| Vroom-5, Weber-4, Mayo-4, | | Humfrey, Chester-2,, |
| Fayol-3,Hergberg-2,Gilbreath, | | |
| McGregor(pp) | | |
| pen-0: | pen-1:Chester | |
| 28 + 1pp shots | 68 + Opp shots | |
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| KEYS 9 | at | ROCKIES 26 |
| Humfrey-2,Rooqnd-4, Crunch-3 | | Offa-7, Canute-7, Martyr-7,, |
| | | AEthelbert-3,Penda, Cerdic |
| pen-0: | pen-1:Offa | |
| 21 + 1pp shots | 43 + Opp shots | |
| ***** | ***** | ***** |
| CONEJOS 27 | at | KEYS 15 |
| Marti-7,Guevara-6,Sandino-5 | | Murphy-8, Humfrey-3(pp), |
| Bolivar-3,Rodrigues-3(pp) | | Chester-2(pp), Rooqnd, Chem |
| Fonseca-2(pp),Paz | | |
| pen-5:Bolivar-3,Manley,Guevara | pen-1:Humfrey | |
| 43 + 1pp shots | 41 + 9pp shots | |
| ***** | ***** | ***** |
| CONEJOS 4 | at | S.O.C.K 2 |
| Marti-3(pp), Rodrigues | | Underdog, Mr. Ed(pp) |
| pen-8:Bolivar-4,Guevara-4 | pen-1:Robin | |
| 30 + 4pp shots | 9 + 8pp shots | |
| ***** | ***** | ***** |
| KEYS 3 | at | LORDS 19 |
| Humfrey-2,Chester | | Vroom-9, Mayo-4, Hergberg-3,, |
| | | Weber-2, Fayol |
| pen-1:Chester | pen-1:Gannt | |
| 65 + 2pp shots | 37 + 1pp shots | |
| ***** | ***** | ***** |